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WARNINGS TO CHRISTIANS

SUMMARY: IN UNSCHEDULED SPEECH TO CHRISTIAN BUSINESSMEN PRIMIN
WARNED CHRISTIAN PROTEST LEADERS AND FOREIGN MISSIONARIES TO
AVOID POLITICS AND CLAIMED THAT DIVINE RIGHT RESTS WITH
GOVERNMENT AND WOULD NOT BE CONCEDED TO CHURCHES. PRIMIN AND
FONMIN BOTH ISSUED SPECIFIC WARNINGS TO FOREIGN MISSIONARIES.
PRIMIN'S STATEMENT WHICH COMES AT TIME OF BROADENING CHRISTIAN
ANTI-GOVT ACTIVITY WAS MOST ELABORATE AND TOUGHEST ROKG
STATEMENT SO FAR ON CHURCH-STATE RELATIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. SPEAKING AT PRAYER BREAKFAST BEFORE 500 CHRISTIAN
BUSINESSMEN NOVEMBER 9 PRIMIN KIM CHONG PIL ISSUED SHARP
WARNING TO CHRISTIAN ANTI-GOVT CRITICS IN GENERAL AND TO
FOREIGN MISSIONARIES IN PARTICULAR. SPEECH WAS GIVEN LEAD
STORY COVERAGE IN ALL WEEKEND PAPERS BUT FULL TEXTS WERE
PRINTED ONLY IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE PRESS.

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2. TAKING APOCALYPTIC VIEW OF NORTH KOREAN THREAT WHICH HE

SAID DERIVED FROM KIM IL SUNG'S "DESPERATE CONCERN" OVER SOUTH'S GROWING ECONOMIC ADVANTAGE, KIM SAID NORTH WOULD MOUNT "PARTIAL ATTACK" WHICH WOULD LEAD TO WAR IN EVENT ANY SOCIAL DISTURBANCE AROSE IN SOUTH. HE THEREFORE REGRETTED THOSE SO SHORTSIGHTED AS TO CRITICIZE GOVT AND TO UNDERMINE STABILITY WITH INFLAMMATORY SPEECHES. CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY WHICH ENJOYED UNEQUALLED PRIVILEGES AND FREEDOMS IN KOREA HAD UNQUALIFIED DUTY TO SUPPORT ROKG, AND CHRISTIANS SHOULD NOT FORGET THEIR POSITION KIM SAID.

3. IN SOME OF MOST NOTABLE PASSAGES IN SPEECH, KIM IN MORE CONFUCIAN THAN CHRISTIAN VEIN INVOKED DIVINE RIGHT FOR PRESENT REGIME. NOTING "THE GOVT ORIGINALLY DERIVES ITS COMPETENCE FROM GOD," KIM SAID, "ANYONE WHO HATES OR FEARS A DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT WHOSE POWER LIES IN GOD COMMITS A CRIME AGAINST THAT GOVERNMENT." GOVERNMENT WOULD BE, "FORCED TO DEAL WITH THOSE WHO SEEK TO DENY ITS DIVINE COMPETENCE AND TO TOPPLE IT BY ILLEGAL MEANS."

4. KIM CRITICIZED ANTI-GOVT CHRISTIAN ELEMENT THROUGHOUT HIS SPEECH POINTING OUT NOT ONLY THAT THEY JEOPARDIZED STABILITY BUT THAT THEY HAD NO BUSINESS IN POLITICAL AFFAIRS AND THAT THEY HAD FALSELY ACCUSED GOVERNMENT OF SUPPRESSING HUMAN RIGHTS AND CHURCH. ROKG, HE SAID, HAD ONLY SUPPRESSED HUMAN RIGHTS OF THOSE WHO HAD BROKEN LAW AND SOCIAL ORDER AND AS FOR CHURCH, NUMBER OF CHURCHES HAD GROWN 210 PERCENT IN PAST DECADE; THEREFORE CHURCH OVIOUSLY WAS FLOURISHING IN FREEDOM.

5. IN FINAL PASSAGES PRIME MINISTER TURNED TO 1,810 FOREIGN MISSIONARIES WHO HAD BEEN WELCOMED IN KOREA FOR THEIR SERVICE. SOME OF THEM HE SAID HAVE TAKEN TO CRITICIZING THE GOVERNMENT AND EVEN MISLEADING THE CHURCHGOERS BY HEADING STREET DEMONSTRATIONS. FOREIGN CLERGYMEN ARE GUESTS IN KOREA AND AS SUCH SHOULD ABIDE BY THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THEY WERE ADMITTED TO THE COUNTRY. IT IS NOT THEIR MISSION TO INTERFERE IN THE AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES SAID PRIMIN. HERE, ONE MUST REGRETFULLY PROTEST THAT THEIR ACTIVITIES AND PROPAGANDA HAVE CREATED FALSE IMPRESSIONS AND MISUNDERSTANDING ABROAD.

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6. PICKING UP LATTER THEME FOREIGN MINISTER KIM DONG JO IN NEW YORK CRITICIZED MISSIONARIES FOR TAKING LEADING ROLE IN ANTI-GOVERNMENT DEMONSTRATIONS. IN FRONT PAGE ARTICLES RUNNING ALONG SIDE STORIES OF PRIMIN SPEECH, PRESS REPORTED FORMIN AS SAYING THAT FOREIGN CLERGY INTERFERING IN INTERNAL KOREAN AFFAIRS WERE VIOLATING PURPOSES OF THEIR STAY AND COULD BE DEPORTED IF THEY CONTINUED IN THEIR ANTI-ROKG ACTIVITIES.
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